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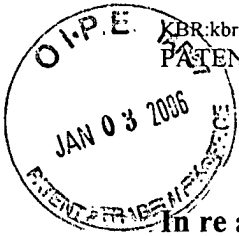
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Responsive to the Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowability mailed November 21, 2005, and in the Office action mailed August 29, 2005, the Applicants comment as follows.

The Applicants agree that claims 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19-25, 101, and 102 are allowable and that the prior art, taken either singly or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the language of these claims, respectively.

The Applicants respectfully note, however, that the language cited by the Examiner in some instances does not identically appear in the claims. For each of the allowed claims, to the extent the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance use language not identically appearing in that claim, the Applicants note that the claim is not limited by such language, but rather the actual language of the claim speaks for itself.

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